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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was extremely pleased to find out that the federal government had reached a settlement with Microsoft. Although I felt commencement of this litigation was unwarranted in the first place, after three years I know the best thing for the country is to settle and move forward.

The Justice Department negotiated a very comprehensive agreement with Microsoft that will require numerous concessions from the company. One requirement involves Microsoft designing future versions of Windows that provides a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This will give consumers the freedom to add access to non-Microsoft software onto their computers. Also, Microsoft will be monitored by a technical committee to assure compliance with their obligations.

Ending this needless litigation will allow Microsoft to focus on new and improved products. I am sure these products will continue to be supported by consumers who know that Microsoft products are the best.

Sincerely,

Jill Bowling